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Print Your Name (required): Jill Wilson Signature: Jill Wilson

City/State/Zip Code: Swisher, IA 52338

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Print Your Name (required): Laura Bowers Signature: Laura Bowers

City/State/Zip Code: Iowa City, IA 52246

I have had some acupuncture from a chiropractor  
and felt it was beneficial, however, she had  
other training towards acupuncture that  
proved to benefit this treatment. I would  
Not seek acupuncture from most chiropractors.

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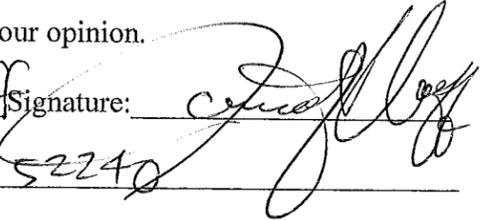
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ATTN: JUDY MANNING  
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DES MOINES IOWA 50319

RE: The practice of "dry needling" by physical therapists and other practitioners not sufficiently trained to practice acupuncture. It is my belief that "dry needling" is actually acupuncture using acupuncture needles and acupuncture points (ashi points)

Dear Ms. Manning and Board Members,

I believe dry needling/acupuncture should only be done by a licensed acupuncturist. That has had the advanced education and training. Physical therapist and/or anyone else should NOT be able to practice acupuncture!

Sincerely,



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321 E. 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
DES MOINES IOWA 50319

RE: The practice of "dry needling" by physical therapists and other practitioners not sufficiently trained to practice acupuncture. It is my belief that "dry needling" is actually acupuncture using acupuncture needles and acupuncture points (ashi points)

Dear Ms. Manning and Board Members,

I feel it is not fair for practitioners to do  
acupuncture needles that have not spent the time of  
studying that ~~is~~ it takes to be doing the real  
acupuncture needles  
I am having treatments by a very sincere person  
& having great success

Sincerely,

Donna Glenn  
Wyoming, Ia

Date:

OCT 29 2015

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*I have been treated with dry needling, the actual acupuncture and I appreciate a well and thorough therapist training to treat my needs.*

Sincerely,

*Beverly Reiter  
6955 245th St  
Cascade, Ia. 52033*

Date:

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Your Name: Kathy S. Gray

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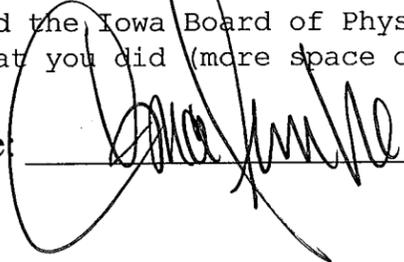
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Your Name (required): Tracy London

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1922 Ingersoll Ave  
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515-240-7997

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Your Name: Stewart G Hansen      STEWART G HANSEN

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WDM Jax

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Your Name:

*I feel this is just a way for other people in the medical fields to perform a procedure for monetary gain without honoring the necessary education of skills &*

~~an~~ training to insure the  
safety and health of the patient.

Rita M. Morris

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Your Name: Shelly Vander Weest

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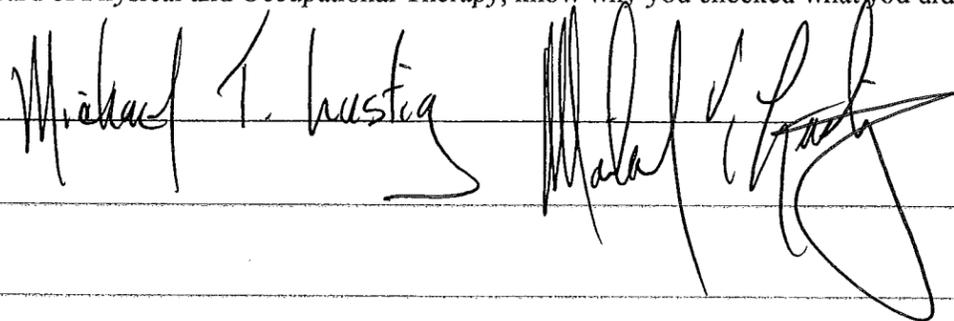
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Your Name (required): Donald A. Sommerhoff  
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Your Name: Jennifer Leonhard

I have received great benefits for neck pain, sinus issues  
and fertility through acupuncture through a licensed  
acupuncturist, however without the MANY hours of

training I don't feel treatment would be nearly as  
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Your Name: Robert E. Leonard

As a patient, I have benefited greatly from acupuncture.  
My licensed acupuncturist has not only treated me for many  
different ailments and greatly improved my quality of

life, but has also used her training and education to explain to me the true benefits of acupuncture vs. medication in managing my ailments. The treatments I receive and the knowledge I now have about how my body is supposed to work and how acupuncture works to improve my body's functioning could not have been gained by other medical practitioners. I have not had the successes I now have when seeing my doctor, chiropractor, nor the specialists I have visited in the past. These professionals have not had adequate training and education in acupuncture to explain procedure and treat me as my licensed acupuncturist has. I would not recommend receiving acupuncture treatment from anyone but a licensed acupuncturist, as this is their primary form of treatment, and not just another service they provide.

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Please use the back of this page to further explain your opinion.

Print Your Name (required): Barbara J Marvick Signature: Barbara J Marvick

City/State/Zip code: Ames IA 50010

I don't even know how to start to convey how OUTRAGED this idea of Dry Needling by anyone with 24 hours of training.

1. Dry Needling is acupuncture, however anyone tries to spin the wording.
2. Just the idea of the total lack of training and knowledge of someone who has not had the education and training by an accredited college of acupuncture is scary. Most people do not know when a needle is placed wrongly, and could thus be blithely informed that is right regardless.
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Please do not approve anyone but accredited acupuncturists to do any form of needling.

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Your Name (required): Janef M. Davison

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Your Name: LORI FEY



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Your Name (required): Jill Olson

This is an issues of safety and  
proper treatment. Only licensed acupuncturists  
should be able to use acupuncture needles

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Your Name:

Jo Chen

with their clients.

Safety: Look @ the amount of hours a licensed acupuncturist is trained. Much more likely to provide a safe experience.

Proper treatment: Proper treatment comes from a person who is trained. Not only do licensed acupuncturists have experiential amount more training than the others listed, they also have supervised clinical training. In order to provide proper treatment (diagnose, treat, should select) a person needs to ~~be~~ be trained well & for long periods of time.

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Print Your Name (required): Pam Sibbel Signature: Pam Sibbel

City/State/Zip code: Ames, IA 50010

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October 21, 2015

Dear Iowa Physical and Occupational Therapy Board,

I believe that the use of acupuncture needles by individuals with minimum training could be harmful to clients in need of healing. I don't know enough about the certification for chiropractors to make a judgement.

Please vote against allowing those with minimum training (24 hrs.) to use dry needling procedures.

Sincerely,  
Pam Littel

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technique. I would only go to a  
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Gloria Akhbar

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Your Name: Sue Rynearson

Chiropractors go to school to learn how to adjust individuals in a safe way. Physical therapists, athletic trainers, medical doctors - the same. They all go to a specific school to learn how to perform safely in their specific fields. All are

required to train for a specific # of hours in order to be competent in their chosen field. The same goes for an acupuncturist. By law a medical doctor can't perform chiropractic work because they are not fully trained. By law a physical therapist or athletic trainer can't diagnose a medical issue because they are not fully trained. This same courtesy should be extended to the field of acupuncture. A chiropractor should not be able to perform acupuncture after only 100 hours of training. A physical therapist should not be able to perform acupuncture after only 24 hours of "dry needle training." This is an injustice that should not be allowed to happen.

An individual who wishes to seek acupuncture to assist with their healing process should be able to do so with the knowledge that the acupuncturist has trained for over 2,000 hours... not just trained for a few hundred hours or less and can also crack your back or diagnose an illness.

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Your Name: Mike Lynarson

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idea and that is the way it should be for accountants  
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Print Your Name (required): Norman L. Sweet Signature: Norman L. Sweet

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Your Name: Jennifer Beenda RN

I would not feel that it would be a safe and healthy procedure without extensive training. I also think the public should be aware of the difference of credentials

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Your Name: Angela Carl

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Your name: Brianne Goetzinger  
As a Licensed Massage Therapist, I stand tall for what it means to have licensure for each occupation.

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Your Name: Lynn Kenney, P.T.

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Print Your Name (required): Jeff P Engelman Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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*Jane S. News*

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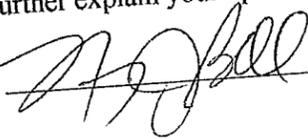
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Your Name (required): Ruth Kneile

I have personally experienced "acupuncture"  
from not fully qualified practitioners that was  
of no value at best. For several years I  
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Your Name: Ruth Kreille

have experienced acupuncture with fully  
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Your Name (required): Jennifer Origer

Licensed Acupuncturists, those who focus their training, education and  
daily practice to acupuncture, are dedicated and understand fully & wholly the  
impact the placement & function of the needles. I have experienced practitioners who  
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Your Name: Jennifer Ouzier

are not Licensed Acupunctureists and have come out wondering what I just experienced and if they knew as much as I do about the human body in that capacity. Everyone has their place in this world and their expertise, please keep these things in alignment and don't give the person on the street the impression that "needles" can be stuck in anyone, anywhere by anybody.

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Your Name (required): Rebecca L. Miller

I feel there is a distinct difference in the quality of  
care with a licensed acupuncturist providing holistic  
care versus the needling I have been offered/received  
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Your Name: Rebecca Miller

from both physical therapists and chiropractors. I feel that use of needles by physical therapists and chiropractors can lead to inferior and possibly dangerous usage while also encouraging the tendency for them to not utilize the full potential healing of their other training and skills before resorting to using needles where they are not extensively trained. The acupuncture I have received from multiple licensed acupuncturists has significantly helped manage pain from pregnancy edema and carpal tunnel syndrome, as well as hormonal balancing for me personally. Whereas a chiropractor has not spent sufficient time with me in an appointment to provide this level of care.

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Your Name (required): Ana DelCorazon

1109 Clark Ave

Ames IA 50010

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Physical Therapists

Athletic Trainers

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Let us, and the Iowa Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy, know why you checked what you did (more space on the back):

To Ms. Manning and the Board

Allowing someone to puncture your skin with needles is generally something that requires a fair bit of trust. When I go to the doctor to get my blood drawn, I expect the person who is doing it has spent a considerable amount of time in school to ensure they won't hurt me.

Same thing with getting shots or having blood sugar tested. This is why, when it comes to Acupuncture, I only trust those who have been to school and are licensed to perform needle treatments on me. I would NOT in any way agree to let a Physical Therapist or Chiropractor dry needle me with the full knowledge that they weren't even licensed in this practice. If a PT or Chiropractor told me this was a treatment they would like to do I would assume, as their patient, that they have gone to school for needling just as long as they had gone to school for their primary profession. Considering there are weekend courses for these practitioners, that right there sets off an enormous red flag. You want to do dry needling or any other type of acupuncture technique? Become a licensed acupuncturist. You wouldn't expect an acupuncturist to be performing any sort of adjustments without having gone to school fully for it, why should PTs and Chiropractors be able to dry needle?

Not only are non-licensed practitioners essentially lying to their patients, but they also simply don't have the knowledge that a licensed practitioner does. Recently my dad went to a family doctor and asked him to remove a sliver that had buried itself quite deep into his hand. The doctor tried for a bit to remove it, but ultimately decided my dad would be better suited going to a person who specializes in hands. *Why? Because the family doctor acknowledged he didn't have the knowledge or skill set to continue hunting for this sliver without potentially harming my dad.*

We have different branches of medicine for a reason. And that's a good thing!

At the end of the day, if non-licensed practitioners wish to perform dry needling on their patients, all they need to do is become a licensed acupuncturist. Yes, this will take time and hard work, but it's best for patients. If this isn't something a practitioner wishes to do, but they still feel acupuncture is in their patient's best interest, they can recommend that the patient see a licensed acupuncturist for their acupuncture treatment, just as the family doctor recommended my father go see a hand specialist for a problem with his hand.

Sincerely,

Cassandra A. Mayrose

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Your Name (required): Dr. Courtney Behrens

Implementing an invasive technique, such as dry  
needling, without adequate education and training  
opens the door for iatrogenic effects. This significant  
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Your Name: Dr. Courtney Behrens

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Your Name (required): Marcia Blanshan

I believe that only licensed acupuncturists should be able to use acupuncture needles because they have specific and extensive  
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Your Name: Marcia Blanshan

training to use them safely and effectively. I receive treatment from an acupuncturist who has over 5,000 hours of training and a Master's Degree in Oriental Medicine.

I have been successfully treated by both a physical therapist and a chiropractor for health conditions that they were qualified to treat. This did not include the use of dry needles for which they were not qualified to treat.

I do not see an acupuncturist for physical therapy or chiropractic care because it is simply not their area of specialization. In the same regards, I would not see a physical therapist or a chiropractor for acupuncture (dry needling).

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Print Your Name (required): MICHAEL J. SANTANGELO, MD, PhD, LMT Signature: 

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W. J. H. L. M. D., Ph.D., M.D.

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Your Name: Lon Olsen, PhD

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Thank you.

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**Attention: Judy Manning**

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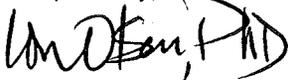
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As a consumer, I want acupuncture treatment only from a practitioner with the highest level of accredited education, clinical training, and expertise. I want my acupuncturist to be licensed to provide the treatment and to engage in continued education throughout her/his career. Accredited education and training, licensure, and continued education are essential to ensuring my safety as a consumer.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



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Your Name: Leif B. Beck

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Your Name: Rauna Beason

We would not go to ~~an~~ acupuncturist for physical Therapy ~~to~~ nor should we go to physical Therapists ~~to~~ for acupuncture. Both medical specialties require extensive training which cannot ~~&~~ should not be minimized. This is the same for all the other specialties.

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Your Name: Rebecca Pogue

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Your Name: JEAN SPITZER *Jean Spitzer*

*I worked as a physical therapy aide. In my private life, I have been treated by a licensed acupunc.*

*for 20 years for a variety of health and mental depression. It is my firm belief that use of needles requires extensive training to completely grasp the foundation of its use. I believe that # 54 (in) qualifies use of needles.*

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Your Name: D. GRELL

TRUST = DO YOU TRUST YOUR DOCTOR

ACUPUNCTURE CAN HELP OR HARM

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